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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, JA  
SUBJ: SALT BRIEFING  
REF: STATE 215403  
1. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S TOKYO BRIEFING ON SEPT 22:  
0930 ATTEND EMBASSY STAFF MEETING  
1230 INFORMAL LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR AND KEY OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA)  
1430 SALT BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION FOR JDA VICE MINISTER KUBO AND SENIOR JDA STAFF  
1550 FOREIGN OFFICE BRIEFING. ATTENDEES WILL INCLUDE VICE MINISTER SATO (IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER), FORMER VICE MINISTER TOGO AND STAFF.  
2. RE PROPOSED JDA BRIEFING, FONOFF HAS RECOMMENDED THIS BRIEFING AND WE UNDERSTAND KUBO IS EAGER, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE KUBO HAS EMERGED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AS THE BEST DEFENSE THINKER AT THE POLICY LEVEL AT JDA AND HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH SAKATA'S EFFORTS TO STIMULATE UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S BROAD SECURITY INTERESTS. EMBASSY BELIEVES JDA BRIEFING WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. IN VIEW OF LATE DATE EMBASSY HAS GONE AHEAD WITH TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BUT WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE CANCELLING IF AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WOULD PREFER NOT TO MEET WITH JDA OFFICIALS. XM FONOFF HAS ASKED WHETHER DEPT ANTICIPATES PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT, PLEASE ADVISE. NO ANNOUNCEMENT PLANNED HERE. BRIEFINGS WILL ATTRACT NOTICE AND WE WILL BE DISCUSSING PRESS GUIDANCE WITH FONOFF AND WITH AMBASSADOR JOHNSON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.  
4. EMBASSY POL MIL OFFICER HOWARD MCELROY IS CONTROL OFFICER.  
5. REQUEST APPROVAL AND OR COMMENTS SOONEST RE PROPOSED SCHEDULE.  
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